



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09162.0001-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
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| Renny Tse-Haw LING et al. |) | Group Art Unit: 3676 |
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| Serial No.: 10/667,458 |) | Examiner: Gall, Lloyd A. |
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| Filed: September 23, 2003 |) | Confirmation No.: 9478 |
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| For: SHACKLE LOCKS WITH A |) | |
| REMOVABLE SHACKLE |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated January 19, 2005, the period for reply having been extended by one month by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed with this Response, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between one of the following species: I. the species of Figs. 1A-1F; II. the species of Fig. 2; III. the species of Fig. 3; and IV. the species of Fig. 4. Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species of Figs. 1A-1F, with claims 1-3 and 8-12 readable thereon.

Applicants note that claim 1 is generic to non-elected claims 4-7 and 16-20. In addition, claim 11 is generic to claims 13-15. Accordingly, upon allowance of claims 1 and 11, Applicants request rejoinder and allowance of non-elected claims 4-7 and 13-20.



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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 18, 2005

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